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Closure of Route 2 West Exit 2W

(January 6, 2016) **East Hartford, CT** – Mayor Marcia A. Leclerc encourages all residents to be mindful of bridge construction on the Route 2/I-84 interchange that will impact traffic flow over the next 10 months in East Hartford. The state Department of Transportation will commence construction on January 18, 2016 with planned closures of the Route 2 Westbound ramp to the Founders Bridge.

The closure is part of the ongoing \$22M bridge replacement and rehabilitation projects within the Route 2 /I-84 interchange. The project is expected to cause lane closures on Route 2, I-84 and associated ramps nightly between the hours of 10:00 PM and 06:00 AM. Times will vary based on the day of the week and location of the closure. Lane closures on adjacent streets and unassociated ramps may occur Monday to Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM daily, or 6:00 PM to 6:00 AM nightly.

Motorists can also expect intermittent traffic shut down between the hours of 12:00 AM and 5:00 PM on I-84 Eastbound near Exit 55 for demolition and girder installation activities associated with the project.

Periodic weekend closures of the I-84 Eastbound Connector from Founders Bridge and the connector from I-84 Westbound to Route 2 Eastbound are also anticipated and detours will be implemented.

A local detour to Route 2 Westbound will reroute motorists to take Exit 3 to Pitkin Street to Darlin Street to the Route 2 Westbound on-ramp. Pitkin Street has been re-stripped to accommodate additional traffic.

Mayor Leclerc asks motorists to use alternate routes when possible, adjust their travel times and to anticipate delays.

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